Rec^d Sept 25th
Ans Octob 27

Washington,
Sept 22. 1860

Dear Sir,

As my labors are approaching a termination in the preparation of my report on my late explorations, I feel anxious to learn the prospect of having the valuable contribution from you on the flora, which your brother has informed me you would furnish. I have some valuable contributions from other quarters on various subjects, which will add very considerably to the interest of my report;

but I lack yours to
make the series complete.
Will you be so good as
to write me what I may
expect in the premises,
& oblige very respy

Yr. obt. Svt.
J. H. Simpson
Capt. Topl. Engrs.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St. Louis,

Rec^d Sept 28th
Ans^d Oct 27

Washington
Sept 24. 1860

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St Louis,
Dear Sir,
I wrote to you on the 22nd inst, before the receipt, to day, of your letter of 20th. I am glad to learn that you find the botanical Collection made by your brother, on my Expeditions, valuable and hope that by the lapse of 6 weeks at farthest, I shall have the pleasure of receiving your report. You are at liberty to go to the extent of $100 to pay for the plates you speak of, and for labels of phraseology you propose, only including Nebraska, as follows:

over

Explorations of Capt. James H. Simpson, T. E., U. S. A.
1858 and '59.

Flora of Nebraska and Utah.

Collected by Henry Engelmann.

Do not go beyond $100, as I shall be obliged to squeeze to make even this amount available; and send the vouchers, signed at the bottom (in duplicate) so that I may send you checks for the several amounts.

I send a few blank vouchers for the purpose.

Very respy yours
J. H. Simpson
Capt. T. Engrs.

Please insert my name, as "Received from" in Receipts.

Your brother is well and [illegible] at work.

S.

Rec^d Nov 4th.

Washington
Oct. 31. 1860

My dear Sir,

I have just received yours of 27th, with the enclosed label. I think it very suitable.

I am obliged to you for the compliment in naming the new species of Cactus after me, and ~~that~~ glad to hear that the specimens prove so interesting. I doubt not your report will prove a very considerable acquisition to science, & give value to my report. Please let me have it so that I can

copy it before the first
Dec, as I have reported to
the Bureau, that my
report would be ready
by the commencement of
Congress.

Very resp'y yours
J. H. Simpson

Dr. G. Engelmann
St Louis,

Rec Dec 15th
Ans Dec 28

Washington,
Dec. 10. 1860

Dear Sir,

There are a few plants &c., as follows, which although they may have been described by others, I would like to be described by yourself, and to accompany my report as Notes at the bottom of my Journal. They are the 1 Artemisia (Wild Sage)

Sarcobatus Vermicularis, (Greasewood)

Ephedra antisyphilitica

Cercocarpus ledifolius, (Mountain Mahogany) and

Lynosiris (Rabbit Bush.)

These are the only plants &c that I make particular mention of in the body of my report, & I therefore would like a brief description of them to immediately follow on the same page, the authorship of the description to be ascribed to you.

Very respy &c
J. H. Simpson

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,
St Louis, Mo.

Capt J. H. Simpson

Rec^d Jan 3^d
Ans Jan 6

Washington
Dec. 31, 1860

My dear Sir,

Your brother told me several days since that you had written him that in a day or two you would forward your report & illustrations of the ~~flora~~ collected by him. Having not received them, I feel anxious lest they may have miscarried, & therefore write to express my solicitude. Should they not have been already forwarded, please send them by mail or Express as you may deem best, as soon as you possibly can, as my report is

all ready & duplicated, except
of our Report.

A letter has been received
here, from St Louis, addressed to your
brother, ~~from~~ the handwriting
on the back, is apparently
yours. This letter may
possibly give some informa-
tion about the matter, but
as your brother left Washington
Dec. 29. for Belleville, Ill,
I can hear nothing of its con-
tents, until he can receive
it.

Very resp'y & truly yo
J. H. Simpson

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St Louis,
Mo.

Rec^d Jan 15
Ans same day

Washington,
Jany 10. 1861

Geo Engelmann, M.D.
Dear Sir,
I received your letter of 5th inst, yesterday, and your Report to day. Enclosed please find check on Asst. Treasr. St. Louis for $54, amount of the account enclosed by you for drawings.

My report now is considered complete by the addition of your very valuable contribution, and it only remains now to have the whole properly printed and engraved, to do justice

to all the parties concerned.
Permit me again to
present to you my
very grateful acknowl-
edgements for all the
trouble you have taken
in this matter, and to
say that I consider myself
very fortunate in having the
Contributions which you
have furnished, to give
value and currency to
my Report

I will make the sub-
stitution of the perfected
plate III, when it is received.

I forwarded the other day
your report of the Artemesia,
Greasewood, Rabbit bush &c
to your brother, at Belleville,
in order that the blank spaces
might be filled by him.

Your last corrections obviate the necessity for this, and I will thank you in the request your brother to return the manuscript, when received.

Be pleased to present my best regards to him & the Lubrication myself

Your Really obliged

& obt. servt

J. H. Simpson

Recd Jan 21
Ans " " "

Washington
Jany 17. 1861

My dear Sir,

Your letter of 12th inst, returning your description of the Artemesia &c, with the necessary corrections, and furnishing a prefatory letter to your Report, I had the pleasure to receive this morning. The corrections have been made in the duplicate copy, and your prefatory letter will appear in its proper place in the submitted copy.

I have thought your accounts of the Artemesia, Greasewood &c &c so full & interesting that I have attached them as notes to my Report, & in every instance attached your name.

I trust you received my letter of Jany 10, transmitting check for $54

I am very much gratified to learn

that you expect to continue your investigations on the Botany of my Expeditions and to submit them to the Scientific public.

My report inclusive of all the Contributions makes a volume of over 1100 pages of manuscript, equal to between 600 & 700 pages of Quarto form, & press like the Pacific Rail road Reports.

Very respy & truly yrs
J. H. Simpson
Capt. Topl Engrs

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St Louis, Mo.

Jany. 18.

P.S. Yours of Jany 15th this moment received. It will give me pleasure, if in my power, to carry out your wishes in relation to the reading the proof sheet of your report by Mr Arthur Schott; the securing for you 50 copies of your report, when printed, in the mode suggested; and the publication by the Government, or failing in this, by the Smithsonian Institution, of the completed report by you of the botany of my Expeditions.

I also received, this morning a letter from your brother, which I shall immediately acknowledge.

J. H. S.

Rec'd Jan 27

Washington
Jany 24. 1861

Dear Sir,

Yours of 21st inst, just received. As you desire it, I will remodel my report, so as to introduce your report on the Artemisia, &c &c, in the Botanical appendix.

In haste,
Very resp'y yr ob't
J. H. Simpson

Dr Geo. Engelmann
St Louis,

Recd April 3d

new York City

Fort Hamilton,

March 30, 1861.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the — suggesting some alterations to your report reached me at this post, where I am on leave of absence visiting my brother Dr. J. Simpson, the Surgeon of the post. I regret to say that although the Senate Committee on printing unanimously recommended the printing of my report, yet, on account of the great expense $40.000 for 11500 copies or $25.000 for 6500 copies, and the almost

bankrupt condition of the Treasury, the report has been laid over, to be taken up I hope with more success the next session. I could doubtless have had the mere text printed as an ordinary Senate document, without the plates, &c, but I chose to wait another year, & if possible have it published in its integrity. My leave extends till the 9th June when I expect to return again to my post at Washington. The emendations you propose, I doubtless will be able to effect before the report will go to press.
My wife & youngest daughter are with me. We

leave for Buffalo, on the 1st Proximo, remain there probably till the 1st May, & then with my wife's father Capt. Champ-lin go to St Paul, Minnesota, & spend about a month.

Be pleased to remember me to your brother, & express to him my regret, at my non success in getting my Report published.

Very Resp'y yrs
J. H. Simpson

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St Louis,
Mo.

417 PINE STREET.

Engineer Office U. S. Army,

Saint Louis, Mo., November 3, 1875.

Dr. George Engelmann,
3003 Locust st.

Dear Sir:-

The original manuscript of your report on the Botany of my Expedition across the Great Basin of Utah, in 1858 & 1859, having been found in the Bureau of the Engineer Department at Washington, it has been forwarded to me for such revision as you may deem proper, and as my report is already in process of publication by the Department, I now send it to you for revision, and would be glad to have it returned to me as soon as practicable, so it may accompany the same.

I have sent to-day, by express, the report on the Geology of the Expedition, by your brother, Mr. Henry Engelmann, at La Salle, Illinois, to him, for revision also, before publication.

(over)

Simpson Jan 6

Very respectfully,

J. H. Simpson

Colonel of Engineers,

U.S.A.